

Iris,
Peonies, Phlox.



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BLUE FLAGS.

*O golden days, O woodland ways,
And sunny meadows, teeming
With treasures rare, most royal fare,
For bard's or lover's dreaming.
O silvery stream, with glint and gleam,
Where dipping boughs are laving,
The current lags where sweet blue flags
By ripples stirred are waving.*

*Amid the green, their soft blue sheen,
With white and purple penciled,
Like bits of sky, where sunbeams lie,
Through leafy branches stenciled.
O faint perfume, no other bloom
Can match, for fine distilling,
Thy essence rare that dulls all care,
And sets my senses thrilling.*

*To Southern skies my fancy flies,
Beneath whose soft beguiling,
What songs I sung, when hope was young.
And all the world was smiling.
O memories dear, that linger near
The meadow, brook and wildwood,
And blue flags sweet, that made complete
The sunny days of childhood.*

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The Iris.



IRIS, SIBERICA
ORIENTALIS,
"SNOW QUEEN."

There is no flower gaining so rapidly in popular favor as the Iris.

The name "Iris" is of Greek origin, meaning "the rainbow," and any one familiar with the great range of delicate colorings found in the Iris will admit that it is truly the "rainbow flower."

It is one of the most artistic and interesting in form and possesses some of the most beautiful markings and color effects of any flower grown, not excepting the orchid, to which it is sometimes compared.

Unlike the latter flower, however, most Irises are of easy culture and are therefore not so expensive.

No garden, no matter how small, or where it is located, is complete without a few of these beautiful and interesting plants.

In the following collection of Iris, are some of the very choicest kinds.

There are several hundred species and varieties in cultivation, but many are so similar in form and markings that it is probably more satisfactory to select a dozen or so distinct forms and colors, rather than to have an endless mass of slightly varying kinds, that give no striking contrast, nor solid mass of color effect.

A very rich effect can be obtained by massing the rich purple *Coerulea* with the brilliant yellow flowered Mrs. Neubronner.

Another good idea for a succession of light blue or lavender colors is to plant the early flowering *Pumila Coerulea* as a border, next a row of Hybrid *Pumila*, Princess Louise and one of *Pallida Folia Variegata*, while back of them all the stately *Dalmatica* with its immense, beautiful flowers, would complete a long season of continuous bloom.

There is no flower grown that is finer for cutting than the Iris. Nothing could be more beautiful and artistic than a spray of Iris bloom with some of the foliage.

They will last a long time if fresh water is supplied daily, and if the withered flowers are removed, the buds will develop and open, thus lasting many days.



IRIS, SIBIRICA.

IRIS GERMANICA. (Pogoniris.)



IRIS, GERMANICA,
"HER MAJESTY."

The varieties of this group, also those of the dwarf, bearded *Pumilas*, Crimean and Alpine Hybrids, all delight in a warm, well drained situation where the surface-creeping rhizomes can get a good baking in the summer.

They will thrive in almost any soil or situation except a wet one, which will cause the rhizomes to rapidly decay.

Plant any time in early spring or after the first of August until late fall.

Barcly cover the rhizomes and avoid fresh manure when planting.

In the following descriptions S. indicates the standards, or upright petals, and F. the falls, or drooping petals.

PALLIDA DALMATICA. S. clear lavender; F. deeper shade. Fine large flowers. A tall robust grower. 25 cts.

PALLIDA FOLIA VARIEGATA. Flowers soft pale lavender. Foliage silvery green with broad bands of creamy yellow. One of the finest. 35 cts.

HER MAJESTY. S. rosy pink; F. deep rose with heavier veining; a beautiful new variety. 25 cts.

TRAUTLEIB. Lovely, uniform rose; a very pleasing color. 35 cts.

MRS. NEUBRONNER. Very deep golden yellow. 25 cts.

DARIUS. S. rich canary yellow; F. lilac, with primrose border. 25 cts.

- IRIS KING.** S. Lemon-yellow; F. rich maroon, bordered yellow. A new variety with large, brilliant flowers. 50 cts.
- RIGOLETTE.** S. yellow; F. bright madder-brown, reticulated white.
- MAORI KING.** S. rich golden yellow; F. bright velvety maroon, margined gold. The most brilliant of all. 25 cts.
- JACQUESIANA.** S. bright coppery crimson; F. rich maroon. 25 cts.
- MRS. H. DARWIN.** S. white; F. white, slightly reticulated violet at base.
- RHEIN NIXE.** A strong, robust grower. S. white; F. deep violet-blue, with a white edge. 50 cts.
- PERFECTION.** S. medium blue, F. velvety, violet-black. A grand new variety. 50 cts.
- SPECTABILIS.** S. violet blue, F. deep purple, free flowering, early.
- OTHELLO.** S. purple; F. deep, velvety purple.
- MADAME CHEREAU.** White, elegantly frilled with border of clear blue. Tall and handsome.
- SPARTE.** S. pearly lavender, shaded rose; F. straw, bordered and veined lavender. 35 cts.
- PURPLE KING.** Uniform purple; very effective. 25 cts.
- PRINCESS OF WALES.** The only absolutely pure white iris; very handsome. 35 cts.
- FLORENTINA.** Creamy white, faintly flushed lavender; fragrant and very early; fine for cutting.
- PRICE, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., except where noted.



INTERMEDIATE IRISES.

These handsome new hybrid irises are crosses between the early dwarf and the tall, later flowering kinds. They are of medium height and fill the gap between the flowering seasons of those two sections with a profusion of large, showy flowers.

INGEBORG. Pure white; very large flower.

HALFDAN. Light creamy yellow.

WALHALLA. S. lavender; F. wine red, with yellow beard; very showy.

FRRITHJOF. S. light blue; F. violet blue.

PRICE, any of above, 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz.

NEW CRIMEAN AND ALPINE HYBRIDS AND PUMILAS.

CYANEA. S. rich violet blue; F. dark violet purple. Robust grower, free bloomer. 9 in. high.

EBURNA. S. ivory white, F. soft yellow shading to white 9 in. high.

GRACILIS. Silvery grey, shot with pale purple and sulphur. Sweet scented. 9 in. high.

JOSEPHINE. Pure white. 9 in. high. 25 cts.

PRINCESS LOUISE. S. Soft pearly blue; F. deeper blue, paler at edges. 9 in. high. 25 cts.

PUMILA, ALBA. White. 4 in. high.

" LUTEO. Yellow. " "

" ATROVIOLACEA. Deep purple. " "

" COERULEA. Lovely sky blue, very early. A gem for borders and rock gardens. 4 in. high.

PRICE, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., except where noted.

BEARDLESS IRIS. (Apogon.)

The species in this group will flourish in any good garden soil if kept moist by frequent stirring to prevent baking; or they may be planted by the water side, with their crowns above the water level.

AUREA. A beautiful species from the Himalayas, with large flowers of deepest yellow. 25 cts.

ORIENTALIS GIGANTEA. The gold-banded iris. A grand, stately iris, growing four to five feet high. Flowers large, ivory white with orange blotch at base of falls. 25 cts.

SIBIRICA ORIENTALIS, SANGUINEA. Brilliant blue flowers, the bud being enclosed in crimson spathe valves.

SIBIRICA ORIENTALIS, SNOW QUEEN. Large, ivory white; a handsome new variety.

SIBIRICA. Blue; a slender, free flowering variety.

SIBIRICA ALBA. White, veined pale lilac.

MISSOURENSIS. Lilac with yellow spot; a profuse bloomer and one of the best of the beardless species. May. 25 cts.

FOETIDISSIMA FOLIA VARIEGATA. Flowers purple, followed by bright scarlet seed-pods; foliage deep green broadly striped with silvery white; evergreen. 35 cts.

FULVA. Very handsome species with rich coppery-maroon colored flowers in June. 35 cts.

PSUDO-ACOURS. The common, but pretty yellow water flag.

VERSICOLOR. Common blue flag; pale blue, veined with purple and yellow.

PRICE, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., except where noted.



JAPANESE IRIS. (*Iris Kaempferi*.)

These with their broad, gorgeous colored flowers are the last to bloom. Their season is from the last of June to the first of August, according to the variety. Plant in a rich mellow loam and keep the ground moist and well stirred.

The Japanese names are given, but in ordering it is better to use the numbers affixed.

- 5 ONIGA-SHIMA. Deep blue with white halo, radiating into white lines. 6 petals.
- 14 KUMO-ISHO. Deep violet-maroon, radiating lines into lighter border, yellow center. 6 petals.
- 20 KUMO-FUNGIN. White center, with broad border of magenta-lilac. 6 petals.
- 24 GEKKA-NO-NAMI. Six large, drooping petals, creamy white; light green drooping foliage; very early.
- 25 WARI-HOTEL. Ground color gray, overlaid with rich violet, veined ultramarine blue; yellow center. 6 large, fluted petals.
- 27 MEIRAN. Light lavender, orange blotch surrounded by blue, radiating blue lines. 3 petals.
- 55 SCHUCHIUKWA. Ruby-erimson with white halo radiating white lines; center petals white, tipped purple. Single.
- 62 MISUTMOSHITO. Violet-purple, marbled white. Single.
- 81 KUMO-NO-OBI. Rich purple, lightly feathered white. 6 petals.
- 87 GOLD BOUND. Pure white with gold blotch radiating from center; foliage light green. 6 petals.

PRICE, Named varieties, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz. Mixed varieties, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.



The Peony.



AMONG hardy perennial plants the Peony holds a very high place. Their large, gorgeous flowers, borne in abundance on strong, long stems, with the beautiful dark green glossy foliage, add a wealth to the color of the garden which not even the rose can give.

Their culture is simple. Plant in any good rich soil, well worked, in open sun or partially shaded position. The crowns should be covered with about two inches of soil. Do not plant too deep, as deep planting is often the cause of scanty flowering.

A generous mulching of well rotted manure during their growing period and a liberal supply of water, will produce wonderful effects; their flowers will be larger and of more intense color, and their foliage and whole growth much more luxuriant.

They are perfectly hardy even in the most severe climate, and very rarely troubled with insect pests or disease of any kind, and once planted grow in beauty each year with little further care.

SELECTED HERBACOUS PEONIES.

EDULIS SUPURBA. Deep rose-pink with lighter shadings. The earliest variety in my collection.

FELIX CROUSSE. The ideal self-colored bright red Peony.

FESTIVA MAXIMA. This truly superb variety is considered the finest white in cultivation.

LA TULIPE. Very large, globular flowers, flesh-pink shading to ivory-white, center petals tipped carmine; one of the best.

ASA GRAY. Bright lilac, sprinkled with minute dots of deeper lilac; very large.

AUGUSTIN D' HOUR. Bright red with slight silvery reflex.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON. An ideal cut flower variety; color sulphur-white, quite fragrant. 30 cts. each.

LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. Rich dark crimson, developing a slight silvery tip as flowers age. 30 ts. each.

QUEEN VICTORIA. Pure white, with creamy white center and crimson spots; fragrant. 30 cts. each.

EDOUD ANDRE. Semi-double flowers of dark carmine-violet with metallic reflex, and golden yellow stamens. 30 cts. each.

MARIE JACQUIN. Semi-double, almost pure white with yellow stamens. 30 cts. each.

PRICE, 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz., except where noted.

PEONY OFFICINALIS.

These are the "Pineys" of old-fashioned gardens. They bloom about two weeks earlier than the preceding varieties and are hardy, strong growers, with fragrant, full double flowers.

MUTABILIS ALBA. Blush white, deepening to rose.

ROSEA. Bright rose-pink.

RUBRA. Brilliant, deep, glowing crimson.

PRICE, any of above, 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz.

SINGLE PEONIES.

For real artistic beauty the single Peony is preeminent. The combination of white, soft pink or deep crimson colored petals, in conjunction with the mass of long, golden yellow stamens, almost defies description.

Single Peonies are especially desirable for lawn or garden planting, as they are free flowering, remain in bloom a long time and being of an upright habit, they are not beaten down by storms as is frequently the case with the heavy, double flowered sorts.

DRAGON. Brilliant, deep crimson.

DOGROSE. A fine shell pink.

THE BRIDE. Lovely pure white.

OFFICINALIS. White.

TENUIFOLIA. Bright scarlet. Deeply cut, fringe-like foliage.

PRICE, any of above, 75 cents each.



Hardy Phlox.



THE great range of brilliant colors and the profusion with which the immense heads of flowers are produced on strong, slender stems, make the Phlox one of the most desirable of hardy perennials. Phloxes are unsurpassed for mass planting where brilliant color effects are desired; they are equally desirable for planting among shrubbery or in the flower border, in sun or partial shade.

They are perfectly hardy and will grow and flower with almost any kind of treatment, but one will be amply repaid if a deep, rich, sandy loam is provided and the plants kept well watered in dry seasons. Plant in the spring or any time in the fall until the ground freezes. Set the plants from 12 to 18 inches apart.

HARDY PHLOX, GENERAL COLLECTION.

BRIDESMAID. Pure white, with large crimson-carmine eye.

ECLAIREUR. Brilliant rosy-magenta, with large lighter halo.

JEANNE D'ARC. A good late flowering variety; pure white.

PANTHEON. Uniform bright carmine rose, very effective.

SIEBOLD. A splendid bright scarlet; one of the best.

WIDAR. Bright redish-violet, with very large white center, which intensifies and illuminates the color.

RYNSTROM. Color of a Paul Neyron rose; fine for massing.

VON LASSBURG. The purest white in cultivation, individual flowers larger than any other white.

EARLY FLOWERING HARDY PHLOX.

On account of their early flowering and abundance of bloom, this kind is very desirable.

They are not quite so rich in bright colors as those listed on the preceding page, but they begin to flower in May and continue throughout the season.

Another point in their favor, is that they are practically free from mildew and insect pests.

GLOUDED GEM. White suffused with rose.

HERCULESE. Bright rosy lilac.

MISS LINGARD. White, faint lilac eye. This is without doubt the finest and most popular light colored Phlox grown.

PRICE, any of above, 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz.

PHLOX ARENDSI.

This new variety originated through the crossing of Phlox *Divaricata* with the showy varieties of Phlox *Decussata*.

The plants are of vigorous branching habit, growing from 15 to 20 inches. They begin to flower in May and continue for nearly two months to produce a perfect mass of showy flowers..

GRETE. Plants branching, with masses of medium sized white flowers.

HELENE. Of a beautiful lavender-blue color; a shapely plant.

KATHE. Stems loosely branched; flowers purplish-rose with a dark eye surrounded by a lighter halo.

PRICE, any of above, 25 ets. each, \$2.50 per doz.

BULBOUS IRIS.

To the Iris lover there is open almost as broad and certainly no less pleasing and interesting a field as to the orchid enthusiast.

I have only touched the high spots, as it were, in presenting a collection of the German, Japanese, Siberian and a few of the other more common species of Iris.

The various kinds of bulbous Irises, which are planted in the fall, are not only interesting and beautiful, but are quite valuable in making up a variety and succession in the garden scheme.

About the first of August I propose issuing a list of bulbous Iris which will be sent free to those who receive this catalogue and to others on application.



READ BEFORE ORDERING.

ABOUT PRICES:- The prices quoted in this catalogue are for good, strong, healthy plants, carefully packed.

The price for single plants includes postage to any point in the U. S. A., but if the purchaser wishes to pay carriage, larger plants will be sent.

Dozen lots will be furnished at ten times, and half dozen lots at five times the price of single plants, purchaser to pay transportation.

Customers may make up their dozen or half dozen lists from the several varieties listed, providing no plant selected is quoted at a higher price per dozen than the price sent, that is, a 25 cent plant must not be included in a list at \$1.50 per dozen, etc.

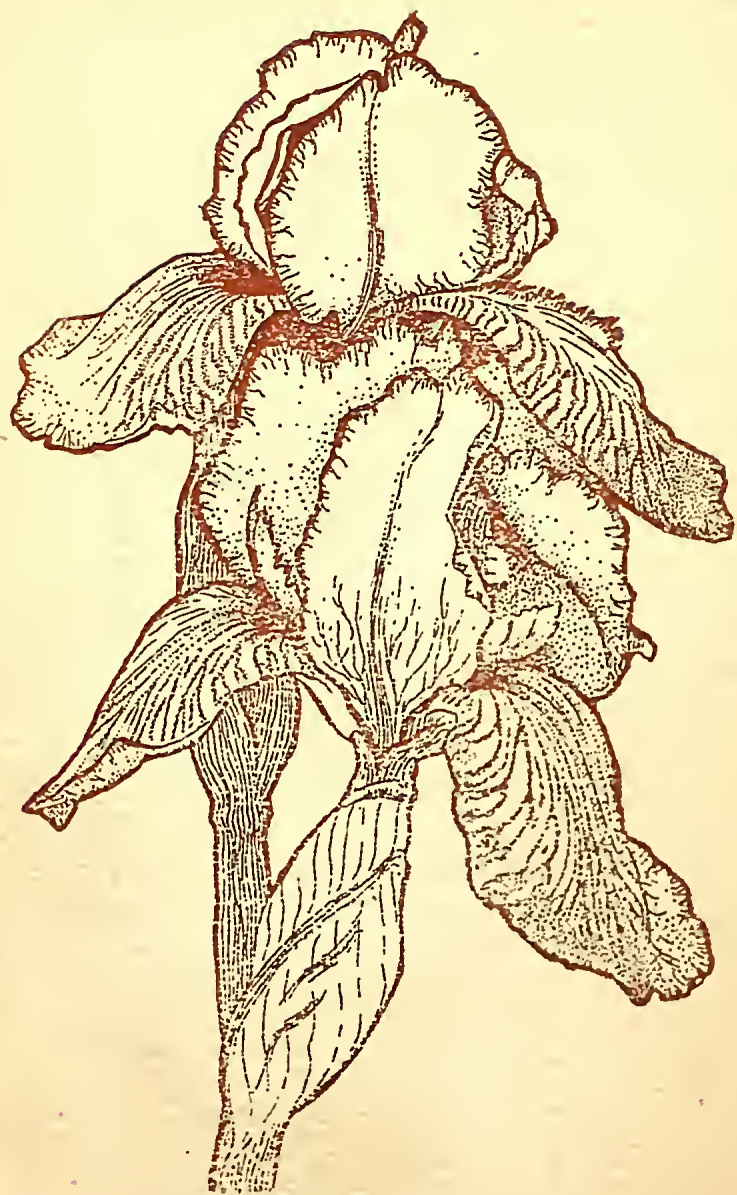
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